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Sir/Madam,

It is a sad day when the money grubbing software giant Microsoft can tell the world on television how the government is mistreating them! Here we are, the Americal public, forced to pay for Microsofts operating system with every PC purchased from any respectable vendor. This is even if we use opensource products like Linux, and discard the Microsoft products.

I am sure that Microsoft is happy with the settlement, because it does not punish them at all. The just punishment would to remove the monopoly, which can only be done by splitting up the company as originally proposed.

Microsoft ensures it's monopoly by not porting it popular applications, like Word, Excel, and other office products to any operating system other than Microsoft Windows. Businesses understand this, and therefore can not change operating systems to Linux, Solaris, or the like for the simple fact that their data would be useless to them. Forcing the Microsofts applications to run on operating systems like Solaris, HP-UX, Linux, and others would remove the dependancy Microsoft has forced on all consumers.

I sincerely hope that the US Department of Justice will not bend to Microsoft's slanderous advertizements. I sincerely pray that the US Department of Justice will break the giant into respective pieces and free the Personal Computers of America from the Monopoly.

Sincerely,  
Shannon Petry  
Systems Engineer

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